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And he said to himself, "She cometh not, What a terrible heartache I have got-"How terfibly lonesome I feel! How quee

To be sitting alone with nobody near-

Oh, how much I wish Maria was here-

Mon Dieu! "The thought of it fills me with horrible I should smile, I should blush, I should wail, I should shout, Just suppose some fellow had cut me out-Me-out!

"Ah, there she comes now, as soft a rat;" But alas ! he'd mistaken the soft pit-a-pat, His Maria was only a brother tom-cat-Thought Tom No. 1 of Tom No. 2. But No. 2 bounced him without more ado,

Oh, ill fared it then for Tom No. 1. For as soon as the enemy's work was done Of all his fine raiment he left him none-

And suddenly both departed from view-

Such fun! Now, all you young mashers who dress with such care, The hearts of the guileless to slave and en-

You'd better remember this tale and be Take care.

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er he has ordered it or not, is held in

How many swallows make a lark?

THE BAD BOY.

He Will Bring in Coal, but Draws th Line at Kindling Wood.

From Peck's Sun.

"I was down to the drug store this morning, and saw your ma buying a lot of court plaster, enough to make a shirt, I should think. What's she doing with so much court plaster?" asked the grocery man of the bad boy, as he and the cat got away and went down came in and pulled off his boots by the in the coal bin and yowled all night. stove and emptied out a lot of snow that had collected as he walked through a drift, on the hearth, which

melted and made a bad smell.

"O, I guess she is going to patch pa
up so he will hold water. Pa's temper got him into the worst muss you ever see, last night. If that museum was here now they would hire pa and exhibit him as the tattooed man. I tell you, I have got too old to be mauled as though I was a kid, and any man who attacks me from this out, wants to have his peace made with the insurance companies, and know that his calling and election is sure, because I am a bad man, and don't you forget it." And the boy pulled will carry in coal, but I draw the line on his boots and looked so cross and at kindling wood." desperate that the grocery man asked him if he wouldn't try a little new

"Good heavens," said the grocery man, as the boy swallowed the cider. and his face resumed its natural look kitty by the neck, that hasn't done and the piratical frown disappeared with the cider. "You have not stabbed your father have you? I have feared that one thing would bring on ciety. And if it is cruel to take a cat another, with you, and that you would yet be hung."

"Naw, I haven't stabbed him. It was another cat that stabbed him. You see, pa wants me to do all the work around the house. The other day he bought a load of kindling basement. I have not been educated up to kindling wood, and I didn't do it. When supper time came, and pa found that I had not carried in the kindling wood, he had a hot box, and he told me if that wood was not in when he came back from the lodge, that he would warm my jacket. Well, I tried to hire some one to carry it in. and got a man to promise to come in pa came home he would search for me. old tom cat that my chum's old maid aunt owns, and put the cat in my bed. I thought if pa came in my room after me, and found that by his unkindness that I had changed to a tom cat, he would be sorry. That is the biggest cat you ever see, and the worst fighter in our ward. It isn't afraid of anything, and can whip a New Foundland dog quicker than you could put sand in a barrel of sugar. Well, about eleven o'clock I heard pa tumble over

the kindling wood, and I knew by the remark he made, as the wood slid around under him, that there was going to be a cat fight real quick. He come up to ma's room and sounded ma as to whether Hennery had retired to his virtuous couch. Pa is awful sarcastic when he tries to be. "I could hear him take off his clothes, and hear him say, as he picked up a himself in one of his long boots, cautrunk strap, I guess I will go up to tionaly emerged from his "sole" hiding his room and watch the smile on his place and with a Phonix-park-assasface as he dreams of angels. I yearn sination sort of smile, caught the anito press him to my aching bosom.' I bbe you won't yearn so much directly. He come upstairs, and I could hear him breathing hard. I looked out around the corner and could see he just had on his shirt and pants, and his suspenders were hanging down, and his bald head shone like a calcium light just before for the propogation of pole-cats." it explodes. Pa went in my room and up to the bed, and I could hear him

say, 'Come out here and bring in that

all right, but a man always gets rattled in time of danger, and he held onto the cat and started down stairs velling murder, and he met ma coming up. I guess ma's night cap, or something, frightened the cat some more, cause he stabbed ma on the nightshirt with one hind foot, and ma said 'mercy on us,' and she went back, and pa stumbled on a hand-sled that was on the stairs, and they all fell down, Ps and ma went into their room, and I guess they anointed themselves with vasiline and Pond's extract, and I went and got into my bed, cause it was cold out in the hall, and the cat had warmed my bed as well as it had warmed pa. It was all I could do to go to sleep, with pa and ma talking all night, and this morning I came down the back stairs and haven't been to breakfast, cause I don't want to see pa when he is vexed. You let the man that carries in the kindling wood have

"Well, you are a cruel, bad boy," said the grocery man, as he went to the book and charged the six shillings. "O, I don't know. I think pa is

six shillings worth of groceries and

charge them to pa. I have passed the

kindling wood period in a boy's life,

cruel. A man who will take a poor any harm, and tries to chastise the poor thing with a trunk strap, ought to be looked after by the humane soby the neck, how much more cruel is it to take a boy by the neck, that had diptheria only a few years ago and whose throat is tender. Say, I guess I will accept your invitation to take breakfast with you," and the boy cut off a piece of bologna and helped himwood, and told me to carry it into the self to the crackers, and while the grocery man was out shovelling off the snow from the sidewalk, the boy

> sugar, and then went out to watch the man carry in his kindling wood.

> filled his pockets with raisins and loaf

Tom Murphy's Pole-Cat.

From the Silver City Enterprise. A tomato can containing some scraps of head cheese, bacon and "sich" at the morning and carry it in and take Paschal last Tuesday attracted the inhis pay in groceries, and I was going quisitive eye of a pole cat, who, after to buy the groceries here and have inspecting the light lunch critically, them charged to pa. But that wouldn't thrust his head into the can. The cirhelp me out that night. I knew when one commenced as soon as he found he could not retire without the tinware. So I slept in the back hall on a cot. and after a few minutes' delay around But I didn't want pa to have all his the Paschal hotel, where his command trouble for nothing, so I borrowed an to the inmates to clear the doors, windows, &c., was immediately complied with, he started for the smelter and ran among the men employed about the water-jacket, and after traveling blindly around among the hot slag pots, standing on his head in the can and butting against everything in reach, he uttered a muffled howl, together with other outbreaks which effectually satisfied everybody of his presence. But the kind-hearted smelter men made no attempt to extricate the cat from his perilous position; on the contrary were scattering to the hill tops and other places of safety, giving Mr. Ca: the quiet, peaceable and undisputed possession of the smelter, as well as the water-jacket. The racket, however, was not kept up long before an untamed Irishman, who at the first alarm had completely hidden mal a crack over the head with his shilalah, and earned the "kincaller," as well as the eternal gratitude of his companions. Tom Murphy says that "as that skunk ran the water-jacket the quickest time on record, he shall give up smelting and retire to the San Carlos reservation and start a society

Not Wanted.

A leading New York bookseller kindling wood, or I will start a fire on states that the sale of the Revised your base burner with this strap.' New Testament is so small as scarcely And then there was a yowling such as to be mentioned. He says: "When I never heard before, and pa said, the popular curiosity was satisfied the 'Helen Blazes,' and the furniture in sale stopped as if by magic. During my room began to fall around and the last month we sold perhaps five break. O, my! I think pa took the or six hundred copies of the authorized tom cat right by the neck, the way he edition of the New Testament, and not does me, and that left all the cat's feet more than half a dozen copies of the the former directions they are held free to get in their work. By the way revised version. The sudden failure the cat squalled as though it was be- of the work, so to speak, has been a ing choked, I know pa had him by the severe blow to many of the leading neck. I suppose the cat thought pa was a whole flock of New Foundland dogs, and the cat had a record on dogs, and it kicked awful. Pa's shirt was no protection at all in a cat fight, and the cat just walked all around pas stomach, and pa yelled 'police' and cat Testament."

American publishers will be few who will undertake to spend money in the issue of revised editions of the Revised to the restance of the restance of the revised. 'fire,' and 'turn on the hose,' and he man of the revision committee, said that about 3,000,000 copies had been cold which was not small for the new had had presence of mind enough to have dropped the cat, or rolled it up hence the new edition would displace in the mattrass, it would have been the authorized version.

A traveling theatre manager in & mall town out west was taking tick. ets at the door, when a man appear with a violin case in his hand, and said he belonged to the orchestre. He was passed in. Another chip appeared with a fiddle-box and went into the house. At brief intervals fiddler after fiddler appeared and entered The manager became suspicious. He took a look inside. There was not a soul in the orchestra except so old pianist; but he saw the last fidder passing a violin case out at a window, opening on an alley, to some community of the bogus violinists as could be picked out were bounced. Another fine looking man approached with a richly-dressed woman, for whom he bought a ticket. In about half in hour he returned with three umbrellas under his arm. "Is the show over?" he inquired. "No." "How long?" "Two hours." "Indeed? Well, I've come to take my wife home. You've no objections to my stepping inside until the performance concludes?" "You can't go and have arrived at the coal period. Iin," said the manager. "Why not? I'm waiting for my wife." "Can't help that. You must buy a ticket." "It is outrageous that I cannot stand inside to wait for my wife." "You can't work that umbrella racket on me," said the manager. "You just wait till I let my wife go to see your darned old show again." With this crushing retort on his lips the man

> departed with his umbrellas. The moon shone brightly all the time .--Detroit Free Press.

> A Negro Camp Meeting. Aunt Thisbe, one of the devout worshippers, told me all about the proceedings: "We done hold pray'r meet-

ing from 9 till 12, and den , us hed silent pray'r." "Twasn't very silent," interrupted Aunt Thisbe's nephew, who worries along through life under the name of

Sumpter Abednego Paris White. "You close up, you little nigga Aunt Thisbe continued; "it was still for bout five seeking, Hapsey she 'glory'd,' an' dat set 'em

all wild shoutin', and de fust thing we done smell the coffee bilin' ovah." "Coffee?" I queried. "Ye'h. You know after midnight

till fo', den we hab de big eatin', an'

de coffee was a-bilin' fer dat in de fireplace we had builded." "What did we hab to eat?" she continued "Eberyting under de can'py; pig, chicken, hog's-head, cheese fried in butter, hominy pie, and 'tato-pone and eberyting. I tell ye 'twas a reglar picnic. I sot de ministers ovah by my bringin's. Ye see we allus eats 'fo' morning 'cause it's powerful wearin' to pray an' wrassel all night on to an empty stummic', an' yo' got t' keep yo' eye peeled onto de no-count niggah boys wat comes 'round an' steals all de vittles while de Christians am a-tossin' 'bout in de myst'ries o' pray'r and 'sperience. Sometimes de people gets religion so hard dat dey just want t' smash tings. I was converted good many yeahs 'go, an' you nebber saw delike ob de power. I wrassel'd so I scare some o' de people inter con-

vulses.—Philadelphia Press. Wiggins' Prophecies

A bit of history has leaked out in

connection with Wiggins' prophecies which demonstrates that the Canadian is a shrewd fellow, with little of the crank in his composition. It appears that for ten years past the files of old newspapers show descriptions of a vigorous storm on the preceeding day. Thus on March 9, 1872, there was rain and snow over the lake region, Middle States and New England, with a 'goodly sized" storm on Lake Huron in addition. The next year's storm on the same day of the month is described as "very severe" over the same region. Another severe storm was credited to the same date and area for 1874. In 1875 there was a storm but a "light" one. There was none in 1876 east of the Mississippi, but on March 10th there was a severe one in the upper valley of that river. The storm of March 9, 1877, in the East is recorded as "violent." The next year on that day brought a "severe" storm, with tornadoes throughout the Southwest only. In 1879 March 9th turned up calm and unclouded everywhere. The

year 1880, as a concomitant of political primaries held about March 9th. brought a light storm with snow. In 1881 there was a severe storm in Kansas and westward which reached the lake on the succeeding days, March 10th and 11th. Last year, as many will remember, "Wiggins' day" celebrated what General Hazen calls "a severe storm over the Lower Mississiippi valley." Thus the Canadian prophet has only two chances of posi-tive failure out of a March 9th to eight chances of success .- S. F. Exchange.